

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Richard G. Rincoe  
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Title: ***FORCE APPLYING APPARATUS AND METHOD***

Art Unit: 3727  
Examiner: Lee D. Wilson  
Action: ***ELECTION WITHOUT TRAVERSE***  
Date: March 23, 2009

TO: Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

The following Election without Traverse is made in response to the Office Action dated December 22, 2008 containing a restriction requirement pertaining to the above-identified patent application. The Examiner has set a shortened statutory period for response to this action to expire one (1) month from the mailing date of the communication. Filed concurrently herewith is a two (2) month extension of time, making the present response due by March 23, 2009.

In the Office Action, the Examiner requires a restriction to one of the following inventions:

- I - Claims 1-42, drawn to an apparatus, classified in class 254, subclass 425.
- II - Claim 43-47, drawn to a method, classified in class 254, subclass 1.

Applicant hereby elects to prosecute the invention identified in Claims 1-42, drawn to an apparatus, classified in class 254, subclass 425. This election

is made without traverse. Applicant hereby withdraws non-elected claims 43-47, without prejudice and subject to all rights to file a divisional application(s) thereon.

If there are any further issues regarding the above-identified patent application, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney for the Applicant at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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